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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON FSFA INTL ORGN COUNSELOR STARCEVIC JUNE 7
TO DELIVER AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S PRESS STATEMENT OF MAY 22
(REF B), REQUEST GOY EVALUATION OF PAST SESSION, AND INQUIRE
INTO PLANNED COMPOSITION OF GOY DELEGATION TO AUGUST SESSION
(REF C).

2. STARCEVIC NOTED THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD LOST MUCH TIME
DUE TO THE DISPUTE OVER THE PRESIDENCY BUT FELT THAT NEVER-
THELESS PROGRESS IN REACHING AN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN MADE,
EVEN IF THE COMPROMISES REACHED WERE NOT ALWAYS TO YUGOSLAVIA'S
TASTE. THIS PROGRESS HE THOUGHT UNEVEN, WITH THE MOST
SUBSTANTIAL NARROWING OF DISAGREEMENT OCCURING IN THE THIRD
COMMITTEE AND THE LEAST IN THE SECOND COMMITTEE. THE MOST
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CONTENTIOUS ISSUE, HOWEVER, WAS THE EXPLOITATION OF THE DEEP
SEA BED CONSIDERED IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE. THERE GOY WAS
UNSATISFIED WITH DEVELOPMENTS. YUGOSLAVS WISH A STRONG
AUTHORITY WHICH WOULD BE A SUPERVISING AND GOVERNING ORGANIZA-
TION. STARCEVIC ASSERTED THAT DRAFT REVISIONS TO THE ICNT
PROPOSED BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NJENGA WERE "TILTED" TOWARD
THE DEVELOPED STATES AND A "STEP BACKWARD" FROM THE ICNT.

HE ADDED THAT HE DID NOT BELIEVE THEY WERE AS A WHOLE ACCEPT-
ABLE AND ANY CONSENSUS REACHED WOULD REQUIRE A COMPROMISE
BETWEEN NJENGA'S TEXT AND THE ICNT TEXT. STARCEVIC COMMENTED
THAT THE BEST POSSIBLE SOLUTION WOULD BE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
JOINT VENTURES BY THE MINING CORPORATIONS WITH THE "AUTHORITY".

3. STARCEVIC OBSERVED THAT THE DEVELOPING STATES WERE
"FEELING PRESSURED" AND EMPHASIZED THAT A LOS AGREEMENT
WAS FAR PREFERABLE TO ALL PARTIES THAN UNILATERAL DECISIONS,
WITHOUT BASIS IN LAW, WHICH WOULD LEAD TO CONFLICTS, DISTRUST
AND RESENTMENT, WORSENING THE INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE.
THE ITEMS PRESENTLY IN DISPUTE, HE ADDED, CAN BE SETTLED BY
NEGOTIATION AND, SINCE THE TECHNOLOGY FOR MINING THE SEA BED
HAS YET TO BE PERFECTED, THERE IS NO NEED FOR INDIVIDUAL
STATES TO TAKE PRECIPITATE ACTION.

4. STARCEVIC STATED THAT GOY TAKES THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS
QUITE SERIOUSLY AND INTENDS TO SEND THE SAME DELEGATION TO
THE AUGUST SESSION THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE LAST SESSION.

5. PRESS COVERAGE OF LOS CONFERENCE MARCH-MAY SESSION WAS
MINIMAL WITH BRIEF ARTICLES IN MAJOR PAPERS AT BEGINNING
AND END. REPORTS CONCENTRATED ON QUESTIONS OF DEEP-SEA
BED MINING AND ACCESS TO LLGDS STATES TO EEZ OF COASTAL STATES.
CONFERENCE WAS PORTRAYED AS STRUGGLE OF DEVELOPING STATES TO
PRESERVE WEALTH OF SEA FOR ALL HUMANITY FROM EFFORTS BY
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DEVELOPED STATES TO APPROPRIATE IT ALL TO THEMSELVES.
TONE, HOWEVER, WAS MODERATE. STRESS WAS LAID ON YUGOSLAV
ACCORDANCE WITH VIEWS OF G-77 STATES.
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